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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Project IUDEPOT

1. This memorandum is for your information and responds to your 3 December 1965 telephonic request to DC/SOD.

2. The following reflects the current status of Project IUDEPOT:

a. As planned, the Project has been redirected primarily for utilization in the cold war contingency arenas. Also as planned, it has been reduced as follows: safehouses eliminated; agent assets refined from 98 to 60; staff complement reduced from 36 to 16 (15 are authorized; one additional surplus officer has not yet been reassigned by the appropriate career panel); the 9 contract employees have been reassigned; vehicles have been reduced from 22 to 8.

b. The USA facilities at Ft. Meade, Maryland, and Camp Pickett, Virginia, have been retained at no cost to the Agency. The Alexandria, Virginia, site is too large for the reduced-in-magnitude Project, is being vacated in late December by IUDEPOT, and is to be occupied effective 1 January 1966 by TSD elements.

c. At the request of the Saigon Station, five IUDEPOT assets were selected, provided refresher training and dispatched PCS to Vietnam. Three in particular are

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performing well. One was returned, and subsequently dropped from the Project, for unsatisfactory personal behavior. COS, Saigon has indicated an interest in additional IUDEPOT assets. All assets are now being again screened with a view toward a possible second contingent to Vietnam.

d. Six of the IUDEPOT staff complement are now on loan to OTR. An expedited special training program was needed to prepare new IUJEWEL employees for FE -- primarily Vietnam -- assignments, and OTR stated it could not conduct the program without such augmentation. This program ends in early February 1966; another may be needed to meet pressing FE requirements for qualified officers.

e. Two others of the staff complement are being used in tutorial training of WUAMICE assets targetted for over-seas assignments.

3. With five months experience gained to date, all aspects of Project IUDEPOT are now under active review within SOD to determine its future course. This analysis is expected to be completed in December 1965. You will be informed of our proposed course of action, when the study is completed.

(Signed)  

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